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The Imperial Surplice:

An editorial article in the Tien Feng Bi-weekly in China, entitled "Imperialism—Exploiter of Religion" begins thus: "The Church is the Body of Christ, a Creation of God's own, the People for whose redemption Christ gave His life . . . If there are those who make use of the Christian faith and Church organizations for the purpose of realizing unworthy ends, is it not natural that we feel with as much indignation as Christ did when He saw the Temple desecrated?"

The article shows how the imperialist powers made the entrance of missionaries into China a clause in the unequal treaties. "Thus, from the very beginning, *missionaries formed a category alongside of opium,, warships, guns, unequal treaties, indemnities, territorial concessions, etraterritoriality, etc.*"

Before dismissing this as false propaganda we should examine some of the evidence. Further, we should remember that often those being used are unaware of being used. It would be natural to keep the missionaries' consciences clear if possible. But let us look at the picture as the Chinese native churches see it.

A Convert Gained a Chinese Lost:

"The missionaries penetrated deeply into the interior of China. There, relying on imperialist, political, military and economic power and privileges, they forced the Chinese officials and common people to accept western superiority. They dashed out small material benefits here and there so as to attract and gather around themselves certain Chinese whose outlook, under their influence, became more and more foreignized and pro-American. These elements could so completely lose their feelings for their mother-land that they did not even hesitate to serve the imperialist cause to the harm of their own people. In those days it was a common saying that, when the missionary gained a new convert, China lost a Chinese.

"Thus, just at the time when the Chinese people needed most urgently to unite against foreign aggression, missionaries were working to undermine our unity so as to obstruct the Chinese people's patriotic and anti-imperialist movement. It may be said that, wherever the missionaries went, the power of imperialism was brought along and established there. In other colonial lands the missionary enterprise also constitutes a force backed up by imperialism and standing for imperialist interests and bringing damage to the people's movement for liberation and independence. Sir Peregrine Maitland, at one time Governor of Cape Colony, frankly admits: 'I have relied more upon the labour of the missionaries for the peaceful government of the natives than upon the presence of British soldiers.'" (Barton, USA, The Missionary and His Critic, p. 140).

What Shall It Profit ?

"One of the reasons for the colonial powers to support missionary societies is economic aggression. Mr. Gates, personal secretary of the big American capitalist Rockefeller, has said openly that Mr. Rockefeller makes generous donations to support the work of missionaries because 'he finds them to be an excellent investment in that they lead to the increase of business transactions with the peoples among whom the missions are located.' " (Phelps, USA, Hindu Ideals and Their Preservation, p.15).

"Mr. Chester Holcomb, an American diplomat, also gives commercial profits as the motive for missions. He says, 'An overwhelming array of facts and figures could be set forth to prove the inestimable value of the missionary as an agent for the development of American commerce in every part of the globe. The manufacturing and commercial interests in the United States could well afford to bear the entire cost of all American missionary effort in China for the sake of the large increase in trade which results from such effort.' " (Barton, ibid., p.25).

Spying For Caesar . . . Ssh !

"Missionaries also engage themselves in collecting intelligence material for their governments. As early as 1888, the Rev. John Liggins of USA in his book 'The Great Value and Success of Foreign Missions' admits that 'the missionaries have often offered to the government and its officers information which could not have been so well obtained otherwise.' " (Liggins, USA, The Great Value and Success of Foreign Missions, p. 100).

"The Christian Century of USA also admits in an editorial in September, 1955: 'Accusations of espionage cannot unfortunately be so confidently dismissed . . . It is known that strong pressures have been brought on individual missionaries and mission boards to place their information at the disposal of our intelligence services . . . Some missionaries and some mission boards in some instances have responded to such appeals. This is a matter which has been discussed, almost in whispers, behind the closed doors of many missionary bodies.' "

It was an American Methodist missionary who doubled as a military intelligence officer and led the eight-nation invasion force in their march on Peking in 1900. (Brown, USA, Wth the Allied Forces from Tientsin to Keking, P. 124).

The present US Secretary of State comes honestly by his high estimation of the power of the church to aid state enterprises. It was his grandfather, John Foster, a former Secretary of State who said in his "American Diplomacy in the Orient": "What an important part the missionaries have borne in the international relations of the Pacific. Up to the middle of the last century the Christian missionaries were an absolute necessity to our diplomatic intercourse."

As late as 1949 the US-dominated International Missionary Council met in Bangkok, where its secretary general, C. W. Ranson, made an unabashed defence of Western Imperialism and its assault on Asia, (Report of East Asia Christian Conference, p. 62). He spoke of the unity "imposed by western invasion" and the consequent "stability and order throughout this continent." The manifesto of the conference called Communist Party rule a "new oppression."

Still later, in 1952, the same council met in Willingen, West Germany, where the editor of the International Review of Missions, E. J. Bingle, referred to China as a "force of evil" and a "relentless and hostile force." (Ibid., p. 116).

Cartelizing the Church:

The grand army of middle-class Protestantism in the Cold War is the World Council of Churches. A Rockefeller dream, this organization is the ecclesiastical expression of the business cartel. There is even the hope to draw the Roman Church into this cartel, and the Roman Church plays with this hope for its own purposes.

The rise of cartels, including the church cartel, coincides in a general way with the rise of fascism. For the cartel's mission is to bring tranquillity to the civil conflict of competitive business and it was the mission of Corporative Fascism to bring an end to both economic and political competition. Those churchmen who have been seduced by the Rockefeller dream are by and large the same churchmen who frown on controversy and promote an artificial 'understanding' or 'good-will' b e t w e e n powerful ecclesiastical groups. Negotiations have gone forward between Protestant 'innocents' (not all of them are innocent) and other groups which have successfully drawn the teeth of organizational Protestantism while in no wise disturbing the denture of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy.

Organizational Protestantism has played the appeasement game game in the same way that British industry played the economic appeasement game in the Dusseldorf agreement in 1939. There were many in 1939 who wanted to come to an agreement with the dynamism, as they called it, of Germany and Japan. Among these was the present USA Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles. This dynasism is not a human dynamism, it has no loyalties, no flags; it is a mathematical power of reproduction without limit of satisfaction.

It is difficult to unscramble a business cartel, for a cartel is not people, nor even things; it is a relationship. But it is still more difficult to shake off the influence of a religious cartel, for it takes hold of the citadel of the popular will. It surrounds itself with all the symbols and pageantry of authority and 'faith', using them to disfranchise, to enslave, to de-humanize.

The religious cartel in the West is the Christian Front. Its faith is not a faith but a profound pessimism. It is the heart and

guts of the Cold War, teaching the people in every way and every day to hate and fear the Soviet Union.

Soviet Faith:

It is necessary to interpolate here that the people of the Soviet Union have a faith too. It is the faith that the world was created for the advent of creative man and for the growth of his creativity and for his ever greater understanding and enjoyment of his environment. Bishop Sheen says, "If a dog quoted Shakespeare, that would be supernatural for the dog. If a man or woman becomes a child of God, a possessor of Divine Life, that is supernatural for man." Sheen's faith is in the abnormal. The Soviet man's is in the dependability of the normal. It is not a dog's true nature to quote Shakespeare. Man's give-and-take creative obedience to life *is* natural to man. "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." If we cheat the laws of life we cheat ourselves. If we obey them we serve ourselves best. At the center of these laws of living is the communist code: *do for the group what you can and take from the group what you need.*

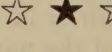
That is the Soviet norm. That is what they aim at. That is what they are achieving. On this continent things are different. Here we have built a life which defies and mocks these laws. We call our system "free enterprise." It licenses greed and encourages bestiality. Once protecting infant business now it protects mammoth monopolies and cartels. It wants the world for a wet-nurse. Under the domination and under the hypnosis of fear it threatens the world's population with stultification and degradation.

How surprised the intellectual giants of the nineteenth century would be to behold the power of political religion today! Few if any of them could have foreseen that the Papacy which had identified its fortunes with feudalism did not however die when feudalism died, but leaped nimbly onto the back of capitalism—the very capitalism which had killed feudalism—to serve and be served by capitalism exactly as it had served and been served by feudalism. And now that capitalism (petrified into cartelism) is no longer a liberating climate Protestantism joins its old enemy to put chains on humanity, stifle yearning and gag truth. Together in the name of peace they wage war on the human race.

The churches of Protestantism developed during the capitalist era, and just as the feudal barons were Roman Catholic so the biggest cartel barons are Protestant. But the theory and practice of fascism matured in Roman Catholic countries, Austria, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Bavaria. Thus the Papacy, being the head and front of political religion, a power which had long been relegated to the footnotes of our history-books, suddenly mushroomed. Just as a fungus will appear in one foggy night on the leaves of every tree in an orchard, so suddenly clerical-fascism appeared and spread across the earth.

The great cartels and the great churches have made common cause. They both need the same kind of population: submissive, bovine, narrow-minded, small-spirited. They both fear democracy, the very democracy which a young capitalism developed and which an old capitalism wants to kill. They are both in terror of the modern man, the free spirit, the open and inquiring mind, the brave and humble man of scientific research.

But let us go back a moment and look at the record of the Vatican-Fascist attack on this modern man. Then we shall show how Protestantism wheeled into line behind the Vatican.



THOSE TEARS FOR BATISTA'S GANG

Castro reports there have been no executions in Cuba without documentary evidence: that not all the accused have been condemned to death—some have been released, others given jail sentences.

Because of the atrocities committed by Batista officers against jailed rebels and their families (eyes of helpless prisoners have been gouged out, women's fingernails pulled off, the bodies of slain child victims have been found) and on account of the shootings—said to run as high as 20,000—there has been great public excitement in Cuba. Castro says he cannot understand the attitude manifested by some public figures in the United States: that he feared riots such as took place when Machado was overthrown, and that he was obliged to promise summary justice. A radio reporter for Columbia Broadcasting Company, who was on the scene for two weeks, speaks of the prison tortures; he saw many of the victims, and photographs of others. The same reporter was present at the trial of Sosa Blanco, and heard him shout out indignantly, that he did not kill eighty-two persons as charged—only forty! According to the press reports,

> A graying middle-aged woman, Mrs. Juan Bautista Castillo of Oriente, cried in a high-pitched voice:
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> "He killed my husband. I begged him not to do it and told him my husband was father of my 11 children. He replied, "I don't care. He is a rebel." Then they machine-gunned him."

Sosa Blanco replied:

> "I have nothing to say except that I only carried out orders. I am a man of honor."

He had not heard of Nuremberg, any more than the U.S. Supreme Court has.

> Washington, Jan. 24 (UPI)—Rep. Charles O. Porter (Dem.-Ore), recently back from Cuba, says the more than 200 persons executed by the rebel government "deserved to die."
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> Porter, a frequent critic of Latin American dictators, said

the storm of protest in this country against the killings was "half-cocked—even though well-intentioned."

"All evidence was that the trials were just and had been done properly," Porter said. He said that those executed were convicted of "torturing and murdering defenseless people."

Expostulations had been sent to U.S. officialdom, over Batista's atrocities, and the aid Batista got from the United States in the shape of tanks (until the last nine months); but where were the influential voices raised in remonstrance from here? Only an occasional press-man on the spot showed sympathy for the rebels. The U.S. consul stood by the enemy of the Cuban people.

Wayne Morse (a well-meaning man), condemning the Cuban military executions, says they were not conducted in leisurely fashion and according to legal form.

Well, at Nuremberg, all was most orderly, the trials well stretched out; and now, in West Germany, the Nazis are respectable again. The Department of State is crewling with them, so are the courts of "justice." Editor John Peet (British, but now working in East Germany) writes (Dem. German Report, Oct. 24, 1958) concerning a certain medal awarded by Adolf Hitler:—

> Dozens of SS Generals were decorated with this medal by Hitler personally for particularly nasty bits of brutality, and in general it could be said quite safely that the holders of the various classes of this distinction were particularly rabid and aggressive officers in Hitler's wars of aggression.
> Now, as was to have been expected, the surviving holders of this highest nazi distinction have come together in West Germany, and founded an association with the declared intention of calling upon the Adenauer Government to pay them a special pension for their "outstanding services to the German state."
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> Early in October, these gentlemen staged their first big get-together in Bonn, the West German capital. 900 of them turned up; and it was interesting to see that a considerable proportion of these old active nazis had been re-activated, and were now wearing the uniform of the West German Army. There was for instance General von Hobe, Chief of Staff to the Inspector General of the West German Armed Forces, and Major General Schimpf, commander of the Third Army Group of the new Wehrmacht.
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> And the West German Minister of Defence Franz-Josef Strauss went out of his way to honour these old nazis by sending along a German-army band.
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> There is nothing very new or sensational in all this, you may say. But what I found rather exceptional was the fact that the British, French and United States military attaches in Bonn also attended this old nazi rally. Have they really forgotten what these nazis did during World War Two ?
> "Let by-gones be by-gones!" said Dwight Eisenhower, speaking

in West Germany.

Some people around here, shedding tears over the prompt trials and executions of Blanco and his kind (who, no matter what, in future will never be strutting around wearing fascist medals) say the condemned may have been guilty, but perhaps there were some mistakes—"Better to let many criminals get away, than to condemn one innocent man."

WHERE WERE THEY when the Rosenbergs were electrocuted under legal form, but without one scrap of credible evidence —a lynching amid all the trappings of state, conducted most decorously, with no "mob" shouts? Waves of shocked opinion were felt over the whole world, in all ranks of society. But this writer recollects no word of remonstrance from Sen. Morse, Capehart, etc. Capehart, an extreme reactionary, has been talking about a "bearded monster," loose in Cuba.

Senator Morse thinks a U.N. observation team should have been called in. At the present time, thanks to those tanks, etc. donated to Batista, U.S. is far too unpopular in Cuba to be called in with its team of debtor Yes-men as arbitrators.

Remember that frank remark made by Dean Rusk, then asst. Secretary of State, at Portland, Ore., Oct. 24, 1950—"There is no great organization at Lake Success: When we point to the United Nations, we point to ourselves."

MURDERERS AT LARGE IN WEST GERMANY

By Albert Norden

From speech delivered by Albert Norden, member of the political bureau of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany at the International Press Conference of the Committee for German Unity.

On July 10th 1957 the British Government was asked in the House of Commons about its attitude with regard to the revelations made by the Committee for German Unity in Berlin, which had established that numerous judges who are known to have pronounced death sentences in the service of Hitler are back in office in West Germany today. On March 10th 1958 Labour M.P.'s made a renewed enquiry following the publication of further documentary evidence by the Committee for German Unity. The British Foreign Minister promised in reply that he would ask the Bonn Government to supply information.

Did the Adenauer Cabinet refuse to comply with this request? Or was this information so compromising that it is being withheld from the British Government?

As the Adenauer Government is anxious to conceal certain

facts, shrouding itself in silence, we shall act as the conscience of the nation and open further files.

A Deeper Loop

The Committee for German Unity has so far made known the names and the misdeeds of 396 judges and public prosecutors in West Germany who committed heinous crimes in the nazi era. It has been established that none of these high officers of the law have been removed despite the documentary evidence against them, nor have any court proceedings been opened against them. The pillars of support of Hitler's reign of terror over the German people and other European nations have not only been left unscathed, but many of them have even been promoted. Adenauer entrusted the notorious special judges and public prosecutors of Hitler with political trials of those Germans who had been imprisoned in Hitler's concentration camps and prisons and who have today been charged once again with resistance against the policy of atomic armament and the annexation demands of the Bonn Government.

Hitler's victims are Adenauer's victims; Hitler's murderers are Adenauer's present judges. We present to world public opinion yet another list of no less than 200 judges guilty of the most serious crimes as special and military judges under the nazi dictatorship, and at present reinstated in leading positions in the West German administration of justice. All these gangsters, formerly members of people's courts, senior military judges, chief judges, presidents and assessors of special courts, public prosecutors and members of courts martial, sent to the execution block Germans, Poles, Danes, Soviet citizens, Czechs, Frenchmen, Hungarians, Dutchmen, Belgians and nationals of many other countries. They had people beheaded or strangled because they criticised Hitler or because towards the end of 1944 they had expressed their doubt about the ultimate victory of the nazis.

This Is the Record

Today the nazi hangmen unmasked by us hitherto hold the following offices in the Federal Republic:

153 of them are public prosecutors; 149 hold office in district courts, 101 in provincial courts and 147 in upper provincial courts. Not less than 93 occupy key positions as directors or presidents of provincial or upper provincial courts.

Adenauer tolerates and even promotes in his immediate geographical and political environment the murderers of Jewish children and the hangman of people who tried to save Jews from certain death. And this same Adenauer dares to pronounce the word 'humanity' in his malicious slanders against the GDR! West German stages show the tragedy of the little murdered Jewish girl Anne Frank. At the same time the West German machinery

of state is becoming increasingly permeated with the very same men who murdered innumerable Anne Franks.

I have here before me the so-called Golden Book of the Hitlerite Reich Ministry of Justice, which only contains the names of the most ardent and proven nazi jurists. This book also contains the names of Ludwig Peetz, Reich attorney; Claus Seibert, judge at a people's court; Georg Scheffler, judge at the Reich court; Hartinger, judge at a people's court, and Grossman, judge at the Reich court. All these men are today acting as public prosecutors in the Federal Court; eleven of Hitler's military and special judges have so far been discovered among those today dispensing justice at Supreme Courts in the Federal Republic.

West German Ministries of Justice employ seven notorious nazi jurists who represent an important authority in the West German state.

Could anyone thus be astonished if Haidinger and the other Federal Judges should have officially taken sides with Dr. Kanter who imposed long terms of imprisonment upon anti-fascists from West Germany and the GDR by the sentences he pronounced as President of the 3rd Senate of the Federal Criminal Court?

Military courts under Kanter's command sentenced to death and executed 103 Danish patriots. It was furthermore established that a large number of Danish resistance fighters were murdered on Kanter's orders on their arrest and at their interrogations. A total of 383 men, women and adolescents died as a result of tortures inflicted by authorities supervised by Kanter. Kanter did not raise a finger against any of those murderers.

This blood-stained instrument of Hitler officially represented the Adenauer Government in the Federal Parliamentary Committee for Jurisdiction and Constitutional Rights previous to his appointment as supreme political judge in the West German state. As Ministerial Director in Bonn Kanter had defended the notorious 'lightning law' (Blitzgesetz) which he had helped to elaborate in fascist style to the deputies in the Federal Parliament. On the basis of this law thousands of political trials have taken place in recent years against the opponents of the NATO war policy.

Friedrich Schaeffer, Minister of Justice in the Adenauer State is the patron of all these judges and prosecutors with blood-stained hands. His state of mind was clearly reflected in a notice in the "Regensburger Anzeiger" of April 8th, 1933, where he wrote: "The failure of Hitler's Reich Government would be a misfortune and a danger for the entire German people." Eight days later, on April 16th 1933 he wrote a letter to the Gestapo hangman Heinrich Himmler, offering his help for the "common benefit." Today Schaeffer, a standard bearer of fascist dictatorship, is defending the so-called "Western democracy" together with Hitler's hanging judges.

Adenauer and Strauss have placed atom bombs in the hands of Hitlerite generals. Schaeffer intends to place the hangman's

rope and axe once more in the hands of Hitler's special judges. Who are the men envisaged to handle these murderous instruments in future according to these plans?

Our investigations, which are as yet quite incomplete, have hitherto shown that 16 former ministerial councillors employed in the Hitlerite Ministry of Justice today occupy important positions in the West German administration of justice. Most of them are Senate Presidents at upper provincial courts. 24 Reich court councillors and public prosecutors at the Reich Court are once again dispensing justice in West Germany today. One of the most outrageous facts is the present employment of 39 members of Hitler's people's courts, the pillars of the fascist state, in West Germany jurisdiction. Eleven of these honourable gentlemen are mentioned in Hitler's notorious ""Golden Book."

The value of a state and its moral and ethical standards are partly measured by its legal conditions and its legal security. If the West German state was to be measured by these standards, the yard-stick would get stuck in the blood of all the hundreds of thousands murdered during the years of fascist dictatorship.

Murder is regarded as an act of violence by every civilised human being and considered worthy of punishment. As for a mass murderer any decent person would not go near him with a barge-pole, let alone sit around one table with him. No country in the world, no people which calls itself civilised would wish to see a murderer in high office, or to empower him to reign and decide the fate of its citizens.

This is the conception of 'good' and 'evil' held by every man and woman with a feeling for justice and even imbued into the heart of a child. That is one of the irrevocable commandments which govern conduct in human society, because without them neither the individual nor society could subsist.

The West German state however respects different principles of right and wrong. In that state those sane feelings, which for centuries and for thousands of years have prompted people to detest murder and mass murder as crimes are rejected out of hand, and the right to protection against murderers, accorded to the individual and to society throughout the civilised world, is violated in Bonn. The murderers of hundreds of thousands of German and other nationals today fill West German law courts, from the Federal Court to the last provincial and district court in West Germany.

The blood-stained hands of these German fascist judges dealt the blow that killed the best sons and daughters of many nations; they pronounced and signed countless death sentences against the innocent: today they stand at the head of West German jurisdiction.

The entire German people expected that these murderers would be made to answer for their crimes after the end of the

Hitlerite tempest; deep down in their hearts every German with a spark of decency felt firmly convinced that there could be no more unworthy misdeeds in the world than those committed by those monsters. But Adenauer's clerical-militarist state, the West German state of monopolists and militarists reinstated these mass murderers in high office, once more placing this blood-stained gang upon the tribunal and conferred on them the power to judge over men and women. The rulers of West Germany, who so frequently like to pose as the guardians of humanity, have perpetrated the outrage of rehabilitating the whole crew of mass murderers, so that they might once more fill the prisons with those Germans who stand up in defence of peace, German reunification in peace, against atomic death and in defence of life. Herr Kanter may now condemn citizens of the GDR and of the Federal Republic for the sole 'crime' of being anti-fascists. *Crime dispenses justice over innocence in West Germany today. Hitlerite fascists may imprison opponents.*

Contract With Death

We raise our voice in accusation in the name of the German nation, for the sake of the German name. A jurisdiction which does not renounce judges such as these and which even advances and promotes them, has once again signed a contract with Death. These judges were the ones to clear the road for Adolf Hitler to plunge Europe into the whirlpool of war. They served the brown terror as political prosecutors an das military special judges in Germany and abroad. The greatest minds in Germany were sent to the execution block by these hangmen and they have left their blood stained marks behind in the countries under fascist occupation.

The activities of these judges characterise the state which they serve. The industrial and financial supporters of the Third Reich have once more taken over in the Federal Republic and are making profits on armaments. Dr. Adenauer is the political general agent of the industrial magnates of the Rhine and Ruhr, once more intent upon extending the domain of their business by means of armed force. Servants of the Third Reich such as Dr. Globke and Dr. Grewe are intimate friends of the Federal Chancellor. The Adenauer Government is for the most part composed of Ministers who were proud and in part leading members of the nazi party. More than two-thirds of all officials at all levels are former members of the nazi parti: this fact was revealed by Dr. Adenauer at the 234th session of the first Federal Parliament. All the generals of the Bundeswehr marched with Hitler's armies to war and to defeat. The SS has been incorporated in its former structure in the Bundeswehr. The industrial kings from the Rhine and Ruhr, the generals of catastrophe, the judges of the Third Reich and Ribbentrop's diplomats—they have all come back to hold the sceptre in the Federal Republic.

Same Old Song

Twenty years ago Hitler proclaimed that he would liberate the Germans living outside his state. Adenauer is saying the same today. At the Nuremberg party congress in 1938 Hitler had decleared that the misery and oppression of the Sudeten Germans were intolerable. On October 16th 1958 Adenauer declared that oppression and misery in the GDR were intolerable. In September 1933 Hitler declared in the Sportpalast that millions of Germans in Czechoslovakia were living in conditions of slavery and terror. On October 12th 1958 Adenauer declared that a storm must be raised against the slavery in which 17 million Germans were living.

Atomic armament of the Bundeswehr and nazi judges are two aspects of the same phenomenon. Atomic armament and aggression require the employment of the whole gang of fascist criminals who took part in Hitler's campaign of physical extermination of races and peoples, either in judge's robes, in officer's uniform or in the striped trousers of a diplomat.

"The murderers are among us" was the title of an anti-nazi film shown in German cinemas immediately after the war. The West German population is obliged to state today: "the murderers are on top of us'. But it is impossible to go hand in hand with murderers. Who could even bear the thought of a reunited Germany with bloodhounds in the garb of judges deciding who was to be free and who in prison, facing trial and be condemned! The Lemmer Ministry is headed by Hitlerite Jew-baiters and faithful disciples of Goebbels; the Bundeswehr is commanded by Hitler generals; jurisdiction in the Federal Republic is controlled by notorious nazi judges, and Hitler's diplomats have found a new sphere of activities in the Foreign Office in Bonn; they all work for the prevention of peaceful and democratic reunification of Germany.

Is it not high time for the rise of a popular movement for the liberation of West Germany from the disgrace of these times, from this immoral state, incompatible with normal standards of decency and civilisation? Is it not high time to sweep away these conditions and these judges whose existence and activities transform West Germany into an inferno of inhumanity?

(Then Mr. Norden gives a full list of these 200 new judges including such as Ernst Kanter who had 486 Danes murdered and Werner Rhode, slaughterer of the Czechs.)

"DOCTOR ZHIVAGO"

"Doctor Zhivago" by Boris Pasternak (Collins and Harvill, London, England, 21 shillings) is a moody and at times moving love story, set in revolution-torn Russia. It is told from the viewpoint of a romantic soul, a tsarist intellectual filled with nostalgia for the old times. Allowing for this, it is a masterly love story, full of poetry of a kind and much wisdom (albeit flavored with bitterness); but it is not a story of the Russian Revolution except in a negative sense.

It is understandable that those in the USSR who try to grasp the Revolution as an experience of life stand apart from those who acclaim Pasternak in Western circles. His novel is about a man who lived through the entire revolutionary period passively and without responsibility except to his immediate loved ones. To the Revolution, cruel and stupid and utterly splendid, he said no.

Is there a place for the Yuri Zhavagos in the new Soviet Union? Yes because the Soviet people, like all people everywhere, love a lover and hunger for tales of love. The Revolution? He missed it; it was simply a time of trouble when many stupid people were about. The important things were life and love, the rest fol-de-rol, indigestible, meaning nothing.

Now there is a sense in which the end or purpose of revolution is the taking by humanity of a new road to happiness; and this new road to happiness will bring men to new kinds of happiness, a more inclusive deeper happiness. These things tended to be dropped out of sight even by the makers of the Revolution who were very busy men and carried terrible burdens. To bring them to mind is important. There is a touch of anarchistic truth in Pasternak's hero's remark:

"Reshaping life! People who can say that have never understood a thing about life—they have never felt its breath, its heart —however much they have seen or done. They look on it as a lump of raw material which needs to be processed by them, to be ennobled by their touch. But life is never a material, a substance to be moulded. If you want to know, life is the principle of self-renewal; it is constantly renewing and remaking and changing and transfiguring itself, it is infinitely beyond your or my theories about it."

No aspect of the truth lasts forever, even especially the truth of the October Revolution or of the second Revolution. Truth is a turning orb and its facets are many. None permanent. But absolute for the time. The house is ablaze. No ifs, ands or buts, no bowings and scrapings. The watering pot must be torn from the grasp of the old lady. She is roughly pushed to one side. No time for courtliness. No chance to indulge in politeness. Everything to put out the blaze. This is a poor and partial illustra-

tion, for the Revolution is both a destruction and a construction. There is no feeling of this in Doctor Zhivago . . .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

—I think the article "USA SELF-BETRAYED IN CHINA" by Louise Harding should be given every publicity possible. It might shame the American people to denounce and remove from office the people responsible for such dastardly conduct. I think the last NC is a very fine one and your editorial says what has needed saying for some time . . . Arthur Stratton.

—Your current issue of the New Christian is a *masterpiece*— Your editorial so keen and penetrating—one has to have a super-background and the highest ethics and integrity for such analyses and principles.

—Martha and John C. Refsland

—The hopes and fears of all the years are merging and emerging. The hopes of the world's peoples are being fulfilled in the Socialist World and brimming over to reach the rest of mankind. The fears of the world are still very great and will remain as long as we have a Dulles and his "Iron Heel" cohorts. But the "Heel" is wearing down and getting thinner each year.

As usual your words, though seemingly infinitesinal in an ocean of poisonous lies, are bringing truth through into the light of day,—a glorious new day of dazzling light!

Your twentieth anniversary number was particularly good, especially where you say . . . "They have fleshed the dream of Jesus . . . "

—C. Donald Woodward.

The Editor is deeply indebted to Mrs. Tressa Ely Houloose of Pasadena for attentions of various kinds during a recent illness. She sent books, clippings, magazines as well as vitamins of all kinds and money gifts. One of the magazines (True) told of the atrocities practiced by Ibn Saud. Except for the photographic evidence one would not believe what appears to be common practice in Saudi Arabia, hand amputation for stealing a loaf of bread. A clipping from *Newsweek* tells of Karl Barth being asked if it were proper to pray for the removal of Communistic government and answering "Better not! You might get the American Way of Life."

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